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1. The struggle for recognition and support continues between the Partido Colombiano Obrero (PCO - Communist Labor Party), headed by Augusto Duran, and the Partido Comunista Colombiano (PCC - Colombian Communist Party), headed by Gilberto Vieira White. As reported previously, these parties represent the fragments of the former Partido Socialista Democratico (PSD - Socialist Democratic Party), which was dissolved at the Fifth Congress held at Bucaramanga, Colombia, in July 1947.
2. Both the PCO and the PCC have issued manifestos stressing their respective adherence to the pure and basic Communist principles of Marx and Lenin and accusing their rival of straying therefrom.
3. Although both parties are headed by well-known and old line Communists, it appears that the PCC and its leader Gilberto Vieira White will be recognized by Moscow and the Communist Parties of neighboring Latin-American countries as the group designated to carry the banners of communism in Colombia.
4. According to source, the initial manifesto published by the PCC was financed by the Instituto Cultural Colombo-Sovietico (Colombian-Soviet Cultural Institute), also known as the Intercambio Cultural Colombo-Sovietico (Colombian-Soviet Cultural Exchange). This institute made out a check on the Banco de Bogota in the amount of 150 Colombian pesos (approximately \$65) to pay the costs of the printing, which was done by the printing shop Editorial Minerva, Calle 18, #5-34, Bogota, Colombia.
5. Another indication of forthcoming international communist support for the PCC was noted at a meeting held on 1 August 1947 at the home of Dr. Juan Francisco Mujica, Calle 22, #16-16, Bogota, Colombia. This meeting was attended by Gilberto Vieira White, president of the PCC; Rafael Baquero H., Secretary of Education for the PCC; Pedro J. Abella, avowed enemy of Augusto Duran; Jorge Regueros Peralta, former member of the National Committee of the PSD; Jaime Barrios, member of the Committee on Control and Discipline for the PCC; and Mercedes Abadia, former member of the National Committee of the PSD. The purpose of this meeting was primarily to study the measures to be adopted in Colombia and abroad, necessary to convince all communist elements that the PCC was the only true communist party in Colombia. Dr. Mujica stated that it would be adequate to send a delegation of PCC members on a private tour through the United States and South American countries, but that it would be unnecessary to send a delegate to the International Marxist Committee in Paris, since he had already contacted Jose Francisco Socarras. The latter had already informed the Paris headquarters and requested official recognition for the PCC. Dr. Mujica stated further that he had been in communication with Gustavo Machado

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Morales, Secretary General of the Partido Comunista Venezolano (Communist Party of Venezuela), and that the latter had promised to support the PCC. Source further confirmed this support by Gustavo Machado Morales by stating that Morales and Gilberto Vieira White had been in direct communication since the split of the PSD.

6. Filiberto Barrero, Secretary of Finance of the PCC, presented a criminal complaint in the amount of 2000 Colombian pesos against certain persons possibly responsible for robbery of the former PSD headquarters. This step was taken in an effort to recover various office supplies that had been seized by the Duran group. This complaint did not accuse any specific person but indicated that certain friends of Augusto Duran were suspected.

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